

# Leverage: Choose Gratitude

2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-5 (P. 806)

Week of October 27, 2013

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PRAY • SERIES REVIEW • THANKS TO BILLY • CHOOSE GOD'S WORD

The three principles of leverage:

- Firm convictions bring us **stability**.
- A willingness to learn gives us our **pivot point**.
- Good relationships give us the **push in the right place**.

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ONE OF OUR TOUGHEST DECISIONS IS TO CHOOSE GRATITUDE OVER GREED.

GREED = SCARCITY & SELFISHNESS / GRATITUDE = MY HUMILITY, ANOTHER'S ABUNDANCE

## Stability: God's Word About Greed

Mark 7:20-23

WORD STUDY ON GREED // PLEONEXIA // ALSO "EXPLOITATION"

πλεονεξία (pleonexia):

"Whether anyone **NEEDS** it or not, I want it for **MYSELF**."

ILL: I WANT TO BE RICH TO HELP MISSIONARIES!

Romans 1:28-32

Ephesians 5:3-6

Colossians 3:5-6

GP: WE HAVE COME TO ACCEPT GREED AS A PART OF OUR SOCIETY.

## Pivot: What Really Conquers Greed...

2 Corinthians 9:1-5 (p. 806)

EXPLANATION OF THE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS • REAPPEARANCE OF PLEONEXIA

The opposite of **GREED** is **GENEROSITY**.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

TWICE WE ARE TOLD WE CAN BE RICH / BY GENEROSITY / BECAUSE GOD BLESSES THE GENEROUS!  
TV PREACHER?? (YOU GIVE TO ME AND GOD GIVES TO YOU) • NOPE, SOMETHING DEEPER!

God is the giver of blessings,

and he **BLESSES** those who **BLESS**.

2 Corinthians 9:11-15

Generosity is the pathway to **GRATITUDE**!

DO YOU WANT TO BE MORE GRATEFUL? LEVERAGE THE POWER OF GENEROSITY.

## Push: Take One Thing Home

NO OFFERING TODAY

Practice **10% TITHING**.

SOME OF YOU NEED TO MOVE ON PAST TITHING • GENEROSITY IS A CONSTANT BATTLE  
ONE MORE THING... STOP THINKING OF CHURCH GIVING AS "GIVING TO GOD" • HE IS THE GIVER...

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